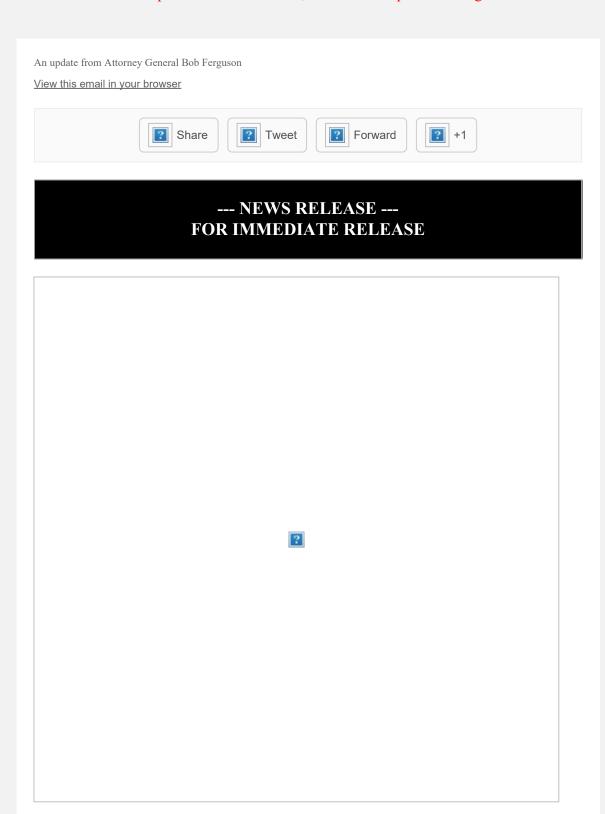
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OLYMPIA — Attorney General Bob Ferguson offered the following statement on a <u>U.S.</u> <u>District Court rejecting</u> the federal government's <u>challenge of Washington's law</u> making it easier for Hanford workers to access workers' compensation benefits:

"It was disappointing to see the federal government once again fighting against doing the right thing for the men and women of Hanford. The court appropriately rejected the Trump Administration's attempt to undermine our state protections for Hanford workers. Hanford workers do incredibly important work cleaning up the federal government's nuclear program. If they get sick as a result, they deserve the ability to access the benefits they have earned.

"I thank my legal team for the hard work they put into this case, and Governor Inslee, the Department of Labor & Industries and Hanford Challenge for their assistance and support."

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